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SUBJECT: MINE CLEARANCE OF SUEZ CANAL

REF: STATE 32171

1. WHEN SEEING UK AMBASSADOR ADAMS TWO DAYS AGO, I
MENTIONED TO HIM UNITED STATES NAVY/ARMY SURVEY TEAM
DUE TO ARRIVE THIS WEEK. ADAMS, WHO IS CLEARLY MUCH
INTERESTED IN BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN MINE CLEARANCE
PROJECT AND HAS SO INDICATED TO LONDON, SAID HE THOUGHT
HMG WILL ALSO SEND SURVEY TEAM. HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN
IT MIGHT ARRIVE.

2. ADAMS THEN CLAIMED THAT SUEZ CANAL AUTHORITY HAS
SOUNDED OUT BRITISH INFORMALLY RPT INFORMALLY ON
WHETHER HMG WOULD BE WILLING HANDLE PROJECT JOINTLY
WITH USG. SPECIFICALLY, BRITS WOULD DO ONE END OF CANAL
AND ITS APPROACHES AND USG THE OTHER. ADAMS SAID HE
THOUGHT HMG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE TO
SUCH JOINT OPERATION. I REMINDED ADAMS THAT, WHILE WE
HAVE AGREED SEND SURVEY TEAM, WE HAVE MADE NO COMMITMENT
TO GOE RE HANDLING THE OVERALL MINE CLEARANCE PROJECT.

3. MEANWHILE, WE UNDERSTAND EGYPTIAN MINE SWEEPER IS
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ALREADY ENGAGED IN SWEEPING MINES FROM GULF OF SUEZ AREA.

MINPET HAS INSTRUCTED AMOCO TO PLAN TO RESUME OIL
LIFTINGS FROM PORT OF RAS SHUKAIR SOMETIME BETWEEN MARCH
1 AND 15. EGYPTIANS INDICATED A CHANNEL SHOULD BY THAT
TIME HAVE BEEN OPENED THROUGH WHICH EGYPTIAN PILOTS COULD
NAVIGATE TANKERS.

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